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DEAR Secretary SHALALA:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for IRRADIATED food that is being considered by the FDA (Food & Drug Administration).

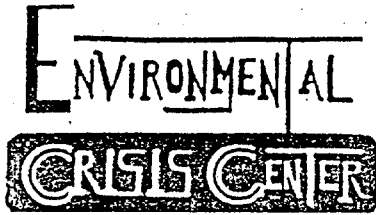
Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods on the package warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope you support consumer's (Right to know) this, in important decision-making.

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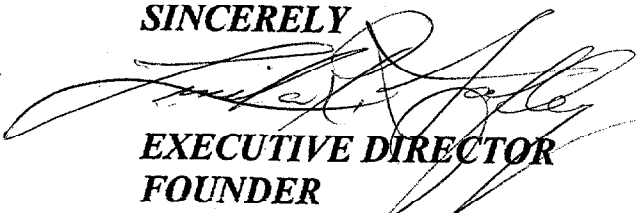
DIOXIN CAMPAIGN

When you hear Red Alert day, or you have a respiratory problem and cannot go outside, does this send a message about our health, and the quality of the air. Dioxin is one of the main chemicals in the air, and comes from many sources in our environment, but it's effect on us, can and does harm us, whether we realize it or not.

As of now, most of us are filled with the stuff, and our children's health is effected. Levels are indeed exceeding the limits, and discharges of toxics accumulate in our atmosphere, reported or not, contribute to our environmental degradation. How are we handling this chemical we're not, many voices arise and speak out, however, corporate lies deceive us, database of information, as much as we have, may not be correct, surpassing the threshold of what's tolerable, and EPA's risk-assessment may have us baffled. Dioxin kills, our wildlife declines, and we get sick. As people who can relate can tell us; **SUPERFUND SITES, CANCER CLUSTERS, ANY NEIGHBORHOOD, which as CHEMICAL PLANTS NEAR-BY, THE NEWS MANY ARE SICK!**

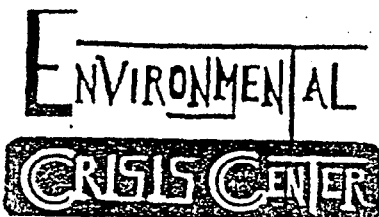
Our air life's breath, is not healthy, the Dioxin must be removed from our earth's atmosphere, with other chemicals as well. Although what a start we can make, if dioxin is made volatile. Our atmosphere's gases are contributing to ozone depletion, which was once protective over us is now gone, and therefore we are victims breathing in deadly toxins. At the worst our lives are threatened with cancer, and other diseases. The corporate spokesperson will read us a litany telling us how they bring good things to life, when chemicals in the air are smogging us out at an all time high. And as the quality of our lives go swinging downward, we pray fresh air remain a reality.

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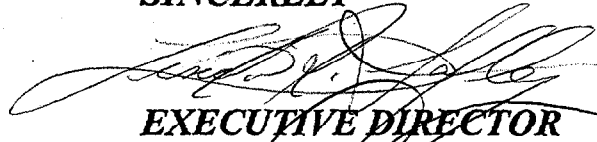
WE, ARE TIRED OF PAYING FOR THE NUCLEAR BAILOUT, OF THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, AND WE WANT SAFE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, AND OTHER NON-POLLUTING SUBSTANCES THAT CAN CREATE ELECTRICITY SAFELY.

As we approach the next millennium, our planet is faced with many woes. The climate of the planet is endangered, and the human race, on the earth, we now must face the decision to reduce the toxics in our atmosphere. Energy-efficiency reduces gases, and if we are to acquire any health benefits from the air, we must protect our air. The air is for sale, however, the global climate has seriously changed our weather patterns, our planet cannot survive without water, many fish have died, declining natural sources haven't stopped us, and the nuclear industry uses the band-aid approach to reactors. Rachael Carson is I am sure observing the planet from the beyond, the nuclear industry tells us to prepare for emergencies. Well R.A.G.E.--[RATEPAYERS FOR AFFORDABLE GREEN ELECTRICITY], EARTH DAY NETWORK 2000, and a host of concerned citizens of the planet, feel justified in demanding a safe clean energy future, and out-dated technologies should be declared obsolete.

NASA, Lockheed Martin, DOE, EPA, and any business that believes that plutonium is anything to experiment with, and shipping contaminates all over the country, is faced with the possibility of an accident. Planetary citizens, our nuclear industry wants to put the cost of clean up on us. Although there are advanced technologies that exist, our atmosphere continues to diminish, and people are dying from cancer related to the air. Our plans to celebrate the turn of the century with festivities, is great! Nonetheless, "Ratepayers for Affordable Green Electricity," feel the time is here and now to produce power from non-polluting sources for just our every day needs.

Do we accept conditions such as they are, or do we expect higher standards for our way of life, living with gluttonous amounts of energy, and not controlling ourselves. During the CA. outages, everything came to a halt, consider the Y2K, blackouts, shortages, chaos in society, depletion from our protective shield from the sun. And all R.A.G.E. is saying, enough is enough, time for a change, our energy can be available safer, more of a kind way of treating our earth's protective atmosphere, and the layers. Industry will tell you, we bring good things, we're concerned same as you, we're all Americans. But as our planet's deterioration continues, the worst storms of the century, the worst droughts, loss of food, power shortages, more Americans suffer. Let's all join in R.A.G.E.

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